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Mauritian Participant at International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP)
"U.S. Trade Policy : Increasing American Competitiveness"

Port Louis, May 22, 2013: The U.S. Embassy Port Louis nominated Ms. Rooma Pillay Narrainen, Manager of the Trade Division at the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce, for an IVLP program on the theme of "U.S. Trade Policy: Increasing American Competitiveness", which began on May 20 and will end on June 7, 2013 in the U.S. Participants are coming from Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Thailand and Vietnam, among other countries.

The program opened in Washington, D.C. and will conclude in Chicago. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to get an overview of the U.S. federal system of government, as well as the State Department and the United States Trade Representative (USTR) promotion of free trade. The participants will become more familiar with the way the other federal departments monitor and promote trade and competitiveness and also with the World Bank programs in trade. They will have the opportunity to get to know the views of key business leaders and think tank views of competitiveness in high-technology field. In between Washington and Chicago, the group will have the opportunity to go to New York for a one-day professional program. The group will then be divided into sub-groups. One group will go to Denver, Colorado, another one to Lincoln, Nebraska, and the third one to Columbia, South Carolina. Each group, in the different cities, will have the opportunity, through various appointments, to learn more about trade and competitiveness.

International Visitor Leadership Program

The International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) is the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange program. It seeks to build mutual understanding between the U.S. and other nations through carefully designed short-term visits to the U.S. for current and emerging foreign leaders. International Visitors are current or emerging leaders in government, politics, the media, education, the arts, business and other key fields. Over 4,000 International Visitors come to the United States from all over the world each year.

Ms. Pillay-Narrainen

As Manager of the Trade Division, Ms. Pillay-Narrainen's main responsibilities involve: providing trade information to the business community; trade promotion and facilitation; and trade negotiations. She also regularly writes trade-related articles for MCCI's monthly newsletter. Ms. Pillay-Narrainen represents MCCI in the AGOA and the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) council meetings between Mauritius and the U.S.

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